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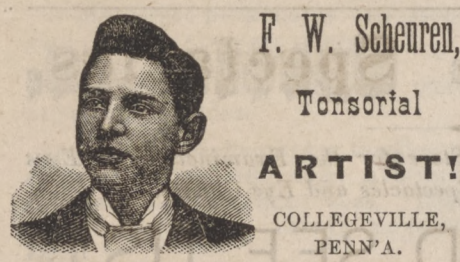


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RAILROADS.

PERKIMEN RAILROAD.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville Station as follows:

FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.
Milk.....6:36 a. m.
Accommodation.....8:02 a. m.
Market.....1:10 p. m.
Accommodation.....4:16 p. m.
FOR ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH AND WEST.
Milk.....7:39 a. m.
Accommodation.....9:02 a. m.
Market.....3:20 p. m.
Accommodation.....6:47 p. m.

SUNDAYS—SOUTH.
Milk.....6:36 a. m.
Accommodation.....8:02 a. m.
NORTH.
Accommodation.....9:38 a. m.
Milk.....5:32 p. m.

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FOR PHILADELPHIA—week days, 6:36, 8:02, a. m., 1:10, 4:16, p. m. Sundays, 6:36, a. m., 4:20, p. m.

FOR NEW YORK—week days, 6:36, 8:02, a. m., 1:10, 4:16, p. m. Sunday, 6:36, a. m.

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Trains for Baltimore, Washington, the South and West, via B. & O. R. R., leave Girard Avenue Station (P. & R. R.) at 4:16, 8:01, 11:37, a. m., 1:34, 4:24, 5:55, 7:23, p. m. Sundays, 4:16, 8:01, 11:37, a. m., 4:24, 5:55, 7:23, p. m.

ATLANTIC CITY DIVISION.

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FOR ATLANTIC CITY.

Week days—Express, 9:00, a. m., 3:00, 4:00, p. m. Accommodation, 8:00 a. m., 5:00 p. m. Sundays—Express, 9:00 a. m. Accommodation, 8:00 a. m., and 4:30 p. m.

RETURNING, LEAVE ATLANTIC CITY.

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Week days—Express, 7:30, 9:00, a. m., 4:00, p. m. Accommodation, 8:05 a. m., and 4:30 p. m. Sundays—Express, 4:40, p. m. Accommodation, 7:30 a. m., and 4:30 p. m.

C. G. HANCOCK,

Gen. Pas. Ag't.

A. A. MCLEOD,

Pres. and Gen. Manager.

ONE TERRIBLE NIGHT.

It would be too long a story for me to tell the reason why I felt that my life itself was too small a payment to make to Mrs. Marston, if its sacrifice would add to her happiness. I was bound to her service by ties of gratitude and affection that were never absent from my heart, and when she died, I gladly promised to give to Netta, her only child, the devotion of my life.

Netta Marston had grown from child to woman in the years following her mother's death, under my care as a nursery governess, upper servant and housekeeper; I scarcely knew what my position in the household seemed to outsiders. Mr. Marston left everything in my care.

When Herbert Lane was chosen from many who courted Miss Marston, there was no cloud upon their engagement, and my old eyes and heart were gladened by Netta's entire happiness.

But I knew—perhaps others also saw—that one of those who had tried to gain my darling's favor did not accept his disappointment willingly.

The intimacy between the Lanes and the Marstons had begun before Mrs. Marston died, and I knew much of the family history. Included in this knowledge was the condition of old Mr. Lane's will.

He left a large estate to his only child, Herbert, to revert to his nephew, Julius Lane, should Herbert die unmarried, or before he was of age.

The cousins had always lived together, and Julius inherited a small fortune from his uncle, but very much less than the estate that would revert to him if Herbert died before coming of age.

The two had been rivals for Netta's love since she was old enough to have lovers, and many were surprised at her choice, since she did not need wealth, and Julius was far more brilliant a man than his cousin.

But it was Herbert that won my darling's love, while I, old fool that I was, thought that she rejected the better man.

The time had been set for the wedding, that was to be in July, when Herbert Lane was taken ill, with what old Doctor Arnold, the Water Valley doctor, thought was malaria fever. It was in April when he was first too ill to leave his room, and it was in May that Doctor Wickersham came to Water Valley. There had been some complications in Herbert Lane's illness that Julius loudly protested were caused by improper treatment, and Doctor Arnold was dismissed, Doctor Wickersham taking his place.

There was, too, constant trouble about the nurses, who stayed a few days, then left, and old Mrs. Hunt, the housekeeper, said it was because Mr.

Julius interfered so much.

So it came about that in May, moved by my darling's entreaties, I undertook to nurse Herbert Lane.

Never had I seen such a change as the few weeks of illness had made in Herbert Lane. He was not a handsome man, nor a very robust one, but he seemed to have fairly melted away, and was as weak as a child.

I was not surprised to find his mind dwelling continually upon the fear that he would die before his twenty-first birthday, which was also to have been his wedding-day, the fifteenth of July.

He had insisted upon having two wills drawn up for his signature, one to be signed if he lived over that day, unmarried; one, in case, as was proposed, he should be married, even on his death-bed. And both wills left his property to Netta.

"Father has already provided for Julius," he said, "and I doubled that legacy when I told him of my engagement, so that he would not feel the loss of his old home, in a pecuniary sense."

I was quite ready to believe the stories of the nurses regarding the interference of Julius Lane, when I had been a few days in the sick-room. Restless, fussy, over-anxious, he was constantly moving about, making suggestions, altering the arrangement of the bed, the table, the light, the heat.

Greatly to my surprise, Doctor Wickersham did not pay any heed to my remonstrance and request that more quiet nursing should be insisted upon.

Every day my patient grew weaker, and my darling paler and more sad. It grieved me to the heart to see her mournful eyes and quivering lips, as she turned away, after daily inquiries, for Doctor Wickersham had strictly forbidden her to see Herbert.

"The excitement of an interview would be fatal," he said.

And although I did not agree with him, it was not my place to advise any risk.

The night of the fourteenth of July was close, and Herbert Lane, with every sense strung up to fever pitch, was lying at sunset, watching, praying for one day more of the life that was slipping away from him so rapidly.

I had been in the kitchen, mixing a cooling drink, when the terrors of that dreadful night commenced.

There was a narrow passage-way between the dining-room and the small room the cousin called the study, and used for a sitting room, and through this I passed on my way up-stairs. My blood was like ice, my heart seemed to stop, as Julius Lane's voice, low but distinct, came to me from that room.

"I tell you he must die to-night, or I am a beggar to-morrow. Every shilling of my money is gone, and the estate must come to me if Herbert dies to-night!"

Doctor Wickersham's voice, timid, pleading, answered, "But the risk! I have run such an awful risk now. Think of it! Think, if there should be any suspicion and a post-mortem!"

"The risk was taken long ago. Everybody knows he is dying, and a few hours more or less will make no difference. Give me some stronger dose that will not fail. You gain six thousand pounds, and I swear to return to you the notes forged on my uncle. If Herbert lives till morning, I will give the notes to the police."

"No, no! I—I will do what you want! Come or send in half an hour, and—and—stop all stimulents—no brandy or coffee after the first dose. He will only sleep, and not awaken."

"You give the directions. We will go upstairs."

I turned, retraced my steps to reach the sickroom by the back-stairs, and was at my post when the two entered the room. How I kept my calmness I cannot tell, but Doctor Wickersham did not notice any agitation when he told me he would send a new medicine, and I was to drop all stimulents.

I was fervently praying that Julius Lane would go himself for the new prescription, and so I could send a messenger for Mr. Marston. But I think he suspected me, for he rang the bell and sent a servant with the doctor. He sat beside the bed watching every breath his cousin drew, answering his questions, tender and gentle as a woman.

I moved about the room, and, watching for an opportunity, contrived to slip the last bottle of medicine into my pocket, and substitute one precisely like it full of brandy.

"I think," I said, "that Mr. Herbert had better take a dose of his old medicine now, Mr. Julius. He is very weak,

and it may be some time before Sam gets back. It is a good mile to Doctor Wickersham's."

"That smells of spirit?" Julius said. "I spilled some brandy, sir, when I put it away. See, it is here on the sheet," I answered.

The new medicine came at about nine o'clock, to be given every hour. It was a dark, thick mixture, to be given in teaspoonful doses.

I took the bottle and the spoon, poured out the dose, and bent over the patient, who was drowsy from the brandy. I knew Julius Lane was watching me, but he could not see his cousin's face as I stood over him. One prayer I gave for my darling, and then I took the medicine myself.

Herbert slept quietly, and the room was very still. I suggested to Mr. Julius to lie down in the next room, but he said, very quickly, "The doctor does not think my cousin can live until morning, Margaret. I cannot leave him."

But my terrors were increasing every moment. There was a numb feeling creeping over me, and I was cold with fear lest I should die, and Julius work his wicked will upon his cousin.

I went to the bed with the second dose of medicine, and after bending close to the sick man, tried what seemed my last resource.

"Mr. Julius," I said, quickly, "there is an awful change! I am afraid he is going. Look!"

"No!" he said, shrinking back. "You—you think he is dying?"

"Yes!" I whispered. "Go for the doctor—go! Oh, make haste!"

I think he was glad to escape, believing his work accomplished, for he hurried down stairs. Instantly I secured the door, and took some brandy, and began to work to save my patient. I rubbed him vigorously with hot spirit, roused him to pour more brandy down his throat, and then, when he lay warm and drowsy, I rang the bell. I was agitated when Julius Lane answered it, but I said, quietly, "please send Jane to me. I am afraid to be alone—and—I shall want help very soon. Why do you not go for the doctor?"

"He can do no good. I shall be in the study."

My hope from escaping from the house was over. I had intended to rouse Mr. Marston, but the study was too near the doors, front and back.

Leaving Jane to watch, I wrote a hurried letter to Mr. Marston telling him what I had discovered, made the bottles into a package, and crept up stairs to the room where Sam, a bright boy of twelve was sleeping.

"Sam," I said, waking him, "listen and do not speak. If you will dress yourself, drop out of your window to the veranda roof, down to the garden, take this package to Mr. Marston, and give it into his own hands, without anyone in this house hearing you go out, I will give you a sovereign."

"I'll do it!" was the prompt reply.

And Sam was dressed and started before I thought he had his boots on.

One o'clock struck as I went down stairs, and to my surprise, Herbert Lane was awake.

"Margaret!" he said eagerly, "the will! The one on top, in the drawer. I am of age. I can sign it. You and Jane can witness it."

Glad to baffle his murderer, I was not long in getting what he needed, and the will was signed, Jane being made to notice the hour.

Julius did not come back until the will was safely locked in my trunk, and Herbert was dozing again, more brandy being administered.

Half-past one, and a scratch on the door. Sam!

"Mr. Marston'll be here, soon as he gets Doctor Arnold," he whispered.

"Sam, you shall have two sovereigns!" I whispered back. "Go to bed, you darling!"

Two o'clock, and Julius crept up stairs.

"How is he?" he said, as I softly opened the door.

"Very low," I answered.

"Oh, no, sir; just sleeping, but his pulse sinking all the time."

I was fearing he would go to verify this, when a pull at the door-bell startled us.

"I will go," Julius said. And I listening intently, heard a moment later, "Stand aside, you murderous villain!" in Mr. Marston's voice, then heavy foot-steps, and I dropped insensible.

Doctor Arnold saved Herbert's life

after this, and mine as well.

There was a wedding in August, but Julius Lane was not his cousin's best man. Neither he nor Doctor Wickersham have been seen since in Water Valley since that terrible night.

How He Caught the Thief.

A PICKPOCKET ARRESTED AND BROUGHT IN BY A FISHY DETECTIVE.

They were discussing the best way to bring a prisoner from the place of his arrest to headquarters at the Central office not long ago, and the collar, cuff and arm grips were instanced as manual expedients, and hand-cuffs, nippers and pocket-budgeon thongs as mechanical aids.

"I know," said a detective who had been to Europe and passed some time in the society of London detectives, "how a pickpocket was once arrested without his captor seeing his prisoner's face before he got to the lock-up, and without any one putting a hand on him. It happened this way: A detective who was often detailed to gatherings, weddings, the houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and other public places often ran across a wiry little man who, he discovered, had no business where he was seen and did nothing for a living.

"Coincidental with the man's visits to crowded places were complaints of larcenies of articles that were carried in the pockets of tails of coats, and especially silk handkerchiefs. The detective suspected the little wiry man, but he evidently had more than one confederate to pass what was stolen so as to be 'clean,' for the officer who was watching him and was nettled at reproof from his superiors for negligence in not discovering the pickpocket had him arrested twice by other officers and 'shaken down' without finding any stolen goods in his possession.

"Strange officers were used to make the arrest in order that the suspected man might not become familiar with the principal detective's face, as he determined to get him by hook or by crook." Now, I don't mean this for a pun, but it came out that way. The detective belonged to one of the many fishing clubs that abound in London and was familiar with tackle.

"Procuring four dozen unopened hooks of the size and strength used here for blackfish, some flax thread and a needle he passed an afternoon in turning the tail pockets of an old-fashioned frock coat into a thief trap. The hooks were ringed, and with the needle were sewed bent out, just inside the socket, permitting a hand to enter, but preventing its withdrawal. He knew of a book sale that would be largely attended at the east end of the Strand and made up carefully for it, so that when he left home he was a pleasant-faced old game mouchie.

"At the book sale he took care to be as unobtrusive and unassuming of his surroundings as possible, but noted the presence of the suspect and waited calmly for a bite. It came. There was a tug at his coat and a bitter oath, and he knew that his man's hand was seized by the hooks, and that he would not venture to risk the agony that tearing away forcibly would inflict. So he said, quickly: 'If you follow me our surgeon will relieve you,' and attempted to walk to Scotland Yard half a mile away, the trapped thief followed with his hands in the detective's pocket.

"But such a large crowd gathered that the detective had to take a cab and he landed the man safely in the detective's office. He was held by four of the hooks and the bars had to be cut off before they were extracted. The thief confessed and went to prison for a short term, but the Scotland Yard authorities frowned on the detective's method, and prohibited any further experiments of the sort for fear the newspapers would denounce the expedient as cruel. But a deadlier trap could not be baited for a 'clayfacer.'"

New York Times.

Alluminum Can be Welded.

Ever since aluminum has been a merchantable commodity and the manufacturers have begun to utilize it, the work has been obstructed by the difficulty in soldering two pieces of the metal together. Experts have tried every known flux, but nothing would answer the purpose. Last week two Waterbury mechanics, Frank Page and Harry W. Anderson, struck the right process, after two years spent in

experimenting, and their attorney has gone to Washington to secure a patent. When they saw they had succeeded, they gave two pieces of the soldered metal a most severe test before they would announce the secret. They put upon the metal a strain of 1100 pounds and then it remained firm and sound. Samples of the welded metal were sent out to several of the larger manufacturers, and since then there mail has been flooded with letters asking the two young men to name a price for their discovery, some of the offers being almost fabulous in amount. The difficulty in welding aluminum heretofore has been that the flux would run off the metal like water. The secret of the discovery lies in the combination of chemicals which adhere and form a perfect union between two pieces. Heretofore aluminum has had to be riveted.—New York Sun.

The Source and Force of Electricity.

"All the energy in the world," said Dr. C. F. Chandler, in a recent lecture before the Columbia School of Mines, comes from sunshine. Even the energy in the electric battery that rings the door bells of our homes has its origin in the light of the great solar system. The force in the copper wire that sets the bell to ringing comes from the zinc plate in the battery jar. The energy in the zinc plate comes from the anthracite coal with which it was burned when taken from the mine, and, finally, the energy in the anthracite coal was put there by the sunlight that fed and nourished it when it existed, ages ago, as trees and plants.

"An interesting misapprehension that exists in the minds of a good many persons is concerning the vital dangers that lurk in the pressure of say a thousand volts. The newspapers often tell us that a man has been killed by such a pressure, whereas, in fact, such a pressure alone couldn't kill a humming bird. I have frequently caught in my hand sparks possessing an electro-motive force of 100,000 volts without feeling anything more than a very slight burn.

"The danger arises only when the volts are re-enforced by a good many amperes or currents, as when one takes hold of a charged wire. Then one feels a shock that is mistakable, because the force of a great many currents in the wire suddenly decomposes all the fluids in his body. The salt in the blood at once turns to chlorine gas, and the man whose veins are charged with this deadly poison cannot in reason be expected to live long."

A Boys' Essay on Girls.

Girls is grate on making believe, She will make believe a doll is a live baby. She will make believe she is a feller on another girl or a feller if they come to see her, and when they are gone she will say, "Horrid old thing!"

If yer don't do what a girl tells yer she says your horrid. I'd rather be horrid than be soft. If you do what a girl tells you you will do all sorts of foolish things.

Girls can be good in school every day if they feel like it. Girls say fellers act orful but when a girl gets a going, she acts orfuler than any feller durst. They don't care for nothing. If a girl wants a feller to carry her books home, she ain't satisfied unless she's got the same feller the other girls want, whether she likes him or not.

Girls is grate on having secrets—I mean telling secrets. They make a secret out of nothing at all, and tell it round to all the other girls, just as if it was sumthing dreadful.

Girls always git their joggerfry lessons better than a feller; but if they are going anywhere they don't know their way a bit, and are to git lost.

If a girl don't feel like doing a thing you can't make her, no matter whether she had order or not. If she won't she won't, and she will git out of it somehow. That is all I know about girls this time.—Home Queen.

Organic Matter in Plants.

ONE OF THE WAYS IN WHICH PLANT LIFE IS SUSTAINED.

In communication from Prof. Calderon, of the institute of Las Palmas, Canary Islands, he contests the ordinary view that the nitrogen of the tissues of plants is derived entirely from

the nitrates and ammoniacal salts absorbed through the roots. He does not, however, adopt the old theory that the source is the free nitrogen of the atmosphere, but rather the nitrogenous organic matter which is always floating in the air. The nutrition of plants he divides into three classes: *necrophagous*, the absorptions of dead organic matter in various stages of decomposition; *plasmophagous*, the assimilations of living organic matter without elimination, or distinction of any kind between useful and useless substances, such as the nutrition of parasites; and *biophagous*, the absorption of living organism, such as that known in the case of insectivorous plants. A further illustration of the latter kind of nutrition is, according to Prof. Calderon, furnished by all plants provided with viscid hairs or a glutinous excretion, the object of which is the detention and destruction of small insects. To prove the importance of the nitrogenous substances floating in the air to the life of plants, he deprived air of all organic matter in the mode described by Prof. Tyndall, and subjected lichens to the access only of this filtered air and distilled water, when he found all their physiological functions to be suddenly suspected.—Nature.

Lightning Speed.

REMARKABLE TELEGRAPH WORK BETWEEN PARIS AND SAN FRANCISCO

In 1851 news here from New York fifteen days' old was considered fresh and was read most eagerly.

In 1861 news here from Europe was news indeed when published in twenty-five days.

In 1871 great things were predicted for the newspapers of the future when European events only forty-eight hours old were chronicled in San Francisco.

In 1881 improved electrical appliances and expert operators had reduced the time to less than twenty-four hours and a London banquet was discussed at San Francisco breakfast tables.

In 1891 the record has been eclipsed. On February 14 the Paris correspondent of the *Examiner* wrote the following special dispatch:

PARIS, February 14.—Sardou's play, "Thermidor," which recently created such excitement in this city, is announced for reproduction at the Theatre Francaise in the near future.

Providence Independent.

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

COLLEGEVILLE, MONTG. CO., PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, April 16, 1891.

A CONCENTRATED effort is being made in Philadelphia to enforce the laws regulating the sale of oleomargarine. The article will have to be sold as oleomargarine or not sold at all. That's business, and justice as well.

T. J. STEWART, Secretary of Internal Affairs, will please accept the thanks of the editor of this paper for a copy of the Annual Report of Railroads, Canals, Telegraphs and Telephones, and for a railroad map of the State.

Says the Philadelphia Press: "The Republican majority in the Legislature will serve only the Democrats if it should fail to pass the ballot reform bill. That is the result the Democrats are hoping for, and that is the result the Republicans cannot afford." The Press is certainly within sight of the exact situation.

ERE long reciprocity with all the countries of the Western continent will come, which will mean free trade with Canada, Mexico, and Central and South America. It seems to be pretty well settled that reciprocity with Canada is to be postponed, for political reasons of course, until after the November elections, but reciprocity must and will come as a business necessity.

It is evident that President Harrison fails to observe signs of imminent grim-visaged war with Italy, and a terrible bombardment of American ports. At any rate he has started on an extensive trip through the West and South, for the purpose of viewing evidences of the greatness of the country over which he has the high honor to preside as Chief Magistrate, and to keep one eye on his political fences.

The breaking of ground for the Bomberger Memorial Hall, at Ursinus next week, will usher in a season of unusual activity at that Institution, for the work involved in the construction of the massive building will be considerable.

The numerous friends of Ursinus abroad, in common with all the citizens of this section, may well unite in hailing with much satisfaction the coming Memorial Hall. It will be a grand improvement to the town; it will ever serve as an imposing monument not only to the deceased President, Dr. Bomberger, but to the munificent liberality of Mr. Patterson, of Philadelphia, who was instrumental in making the new Hall a possibility. In addition to this it will doubtless work the beginning of an era of renewed zeal in the work of the Institution.

TUESDAY the House of Representatives passed the Baker ballot reform bill by a vote of 171 to 16. This action of the House, though a little tardy, relieves that body of all responsibility for the failure to meet the popular demand upon this subject, if failure shall follow. The bill now goes to the Senate, giving that body ample time to amend it in the interest of greater effectiveness and pass it before the day of final adjournment. If it shall not become a law it will be because a majority of the Senators are opposed to its passage and deliberately connive at its defeat. There is no shirking the responsibility.

HON. HENRY CHAPMAN died at Doylestown Saturday morning, aged 88 years. Years ago he was a prominent Democratic politician and held various offices of trust. He will be chiefly remembered by our older readers as a Judge of rare ability. In 1851 he was elected Judge of the Montgomery and Bucks district, served a full term and declined a re-nomination. Prior to this he served as State Senator and as Judge of the Chester and Delaware Judicial District. The second wife of Judge Chapman, who survives him, was a daughter of the late Governor Shunk.

The last decade of every century is supposed to be loaded with trouble. Then thrones totter, kingdoms crumble and the nations go to war as if they had to. It must be confessed that so far all the indications for the last decade of the nineteenth century bear out this theory. The South American States are already in political or financial hot water, Ireland's affairs are inextricably tangled, Newfoundland is doing her best to bring on war between England and France, we are in difficulties with England over the seals, Italy has just opened out on us over the Mafia, France is hardening up her muscle for Germany, Russia is reaching for the Balkans again and Colonel Ingersoll is still unconverted. If there isn't a scrap somewhere this year it's a wonder.—Phila. Times.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 10, 1891.

Senator Peffer is in demand at public meetings here, and he doesn't forget to impress the principles of the Farmers Alliance upon his hearers at every opportunity. He made a speech at a largely attended meeting of the Federation of labor this week, that has attracted wide attention. He took up the immigration question—a very live one just now—from the passage of the notorious contract-labor law in 1864, of which he said: "Many a time have I wondered how the hand of honest old Abe Lincoln must have shaken when he signed it." This law he argued was the natural sequel of the granting of 34,000,000 acres of public lands to railroads in 1862 and 3, and was passed to enable their agents to bring over under contract cheap European laborers to do their work. As a direct result of agitation in 1882 the first anti-alien Contract law was passed, another in 1885, and still another at the last session of Congress. He then gave his hearers some pointers about pushing the educational work in and out of season, and supporting men from their own ranks.

Speaking of an interview in which Senator Edmunds characterized the Farmers Alliance movement as a fever, Mr. Peffer said: "Some people—fossils, I was going to say—are inclined to belittle these things. I notice that Dr. George F. Edmunds said that it was nothing but a fever, and that the public were afflicted periodically in this way. But the people will not listen to these ancient physicians, and will not heed antediluvian remedies." Concluding he said: "I want to identify myself with you. I want you, the laboring men and women of the country, to understand that you have at least one friend in the Senate of the United States, one who will not be ashamed or afraid to present whatever you wish to that dignified body."

Another distinguished Alliance man, Col. L. L. Polk, president of the National Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union, made his first bow before a Washington audience last night, at a public meeting held by Local branch No. 4, National Citizens Alliance. He made a good impression, and it is said some converts by his able presentation of the principles of his organization.

The centennial of the American Patent system is being celebrated here this week, and the town is full of the men who have made fortunes out of their own or somebody else's inventions to say nothing of the newspaper inventors whom we have with us always. The Patent Office is beautifully decorated inside in honor of the occasion, and in the lecture hall of the National Museum is an exhibition of many interesting things, including the identical printing press at which Benjamin Franklin worked in London. This morning the visiting inventors were taken to Mount Vernon and allowed to pay their devotion to the tomb of Washington, and their spare cash for souvenirs sold on the grounds, and this afternoon the celebration is to close with a military review. It has been a very pleasant affair to those on the inside, so to speak, but as tickets were required for everything the people were really not "in it."

Baron Fava, the Italian minister, has gone home, and the public lost interest in the cause of his going as soon as it was certain that a peaceful settlement would eventually be reached. Mr. Blaine's answer to the last dispatch from the Italian government was read to the cabinet, approved and sent off by mail this week. It will not be made public at this time.

Ex-Representative Crouse of Nebraska, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury at the request of Secretary Foster, with whom he served in the house of Representatives some years ago.

Gen. Benj. F. Butler was made happy this week by the receipt of \$270,000 of Government money in payment for the white elephant he has had on hand ever since he built the big stone house just opposite the Capitol building, which the last Congress very kindly passed a bill to purchase for its own use at the price named.

Uncle Jerry Rusk having succeeded in getting Germany to agree to lift its embargo on American meats, has now turned all of his heavy guns upon France, and he hopes to be equally successful with that country.

It is believed here that Canada reciprocity is completely done for as far as the present administration is concerned, and that no notice will ever be sent to the Canadian government that Mr. Harrison is ready to receive them and hear their propositions. Mr. Harrison is criticized for having so brusquely sent the eminent Canadians back home, when they came to keep an engagement made with Mr. Blaine. "It would only have been courtesy to have allowed them to say what they came to say," remarked a republican Senator last night, and he is by no means alone in thinking so.

Sensor Edmunds' resignation created more regret than surprise among his party associates.

Boys Blown to Atoms.

THEY THROW STONES AT CANS FULL OF NITRO GLYCERINE

WASHINGTON, Pa., April 12.—One of the most distressing accidents in the history of the Washington oil fields occurred about six miles west of this city on the National Pike, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Three small boys of Thomas Mence, a well-known citizen of Franklin township, were playing along the pike and found a partly empty glycerine can in a fence corner near their home.

The boys not understanding the dangerous character of the stuff stood the can up in the road and began throwing stones at it. One rock struck the can and a terrible explosion followed, which could be heard for miles. Two of the boys were blown to atoms. The third was badly bruised and will likely die.

The Money Was Stolen.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS SEWN IN THE LINING OF A COAT.

POTTSVILLE, April 9.—Jacob Mendoch, a wealthy farmer of Mahanog Valley, died the other day. He had been living alone since his wife died, eight years ago, and lately employed any tramp who came along and asked him for work. Mendoch was sick six weeks, and before he died handed a package of letters to a neighbor and told him to give them to his brother William. After the funeral the latter opened the pack and found this letter: "When I die you can get my overcoat and tear the lining from the back. You will find \$10,000 in paper money sewed there." William hunted for and found the coat in an attic, but the money was gone. It had been torn out of its hiding place where it had been sewed in. Then it was discovered that a tramp, who gave his name as Wilson, had also disappeared. Officers are searching for him.

Burglars Scared by a Girl.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 12.—Miss Kate Brammer, of Raleigh Court House, made a plucky defense last night when the house was attacked by burglars. One of the party demanded admittance, but was refused by the lady, who was alone. He then raised a window and was climbing in, when the plucky girl knocked him senseless with an axe. The other thieves fled, and the wounded man, named Thompson, was captured. He is dangerously hurt.

Beating the Egg Tariff.

The Tomlinson Prospector says: Since the duty on eggs has been the rule many devices have been thought of for manufacturing them. The idea of a Nogales man is, however, the only feasible scheme up to date. His proposition is to feed hens on the cheap grain of Mexico and have them lay in the United States. For this purpose a long building will be placed on the line, half in Mexico and half in the United States. They will feed and water in the Mexican end, and when they want to lay they go to the further end of the building, and in that way escape the duty. The projector of this enterprise came from Maine.

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Then we have over a thousand pieces of goods saved from the fire, and these we are selling at half price and even less, being largely for winter use.

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Estate of Sarah R. Hallman, late of Upper Providence, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate have been granted the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims to present the same without delay to

DAVID HALLMAN, Executor.

Or his attorneys, Oaks, Pa. 19mr.

Hallman & Place, Norristown, Pa.

ESTATE NOTICE!

Estate of Abram Cassel, late of Lower Providence township, Montg. Co., Pa., dec'd. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims or demands against the same will present them in proper order for settlement without delay to

ISAAC Y. CASSELL, Fairview Village, Pa.

JACOB H. LANDIS, Yerkos, Pa.

JOHN REIFF, Yerkos, Pa. Executors.

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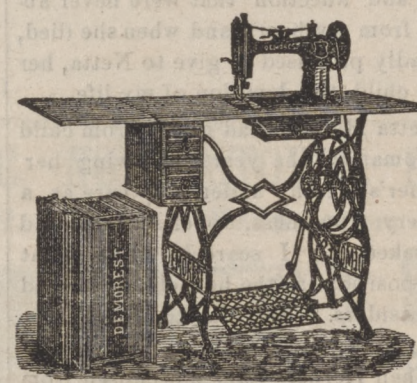
NOTICE!

The Board of Directors of the Collegeville Ice Manufacturing Company have called a meeting of the stockholders of said Company, to meet at Gross' Hall, Collegeville, on THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1891, between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m., to vote upon the question of assessing the stock of said corporation 50 per cent., for the purpose of increasing the plant of said Company to a machine capable of making ten tons of ice per day. All stockholders are requested to attend and to vote either in person or by proxy.

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Providence Independent.

Thursday, April 16, 1891.

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- Thrice welcome, the gentle zephyrs of Springtime!
- Bring out your straw hats!
- Moonlight promenades and front-gate parties of two are in season.
- Botanizing is a delightful recreation, 'tis observed.
- Beaver & Shellenberger, the Trappe store merchants, will make a seasonable announcement next week. Their stock of goods is always up to the mark.
- Mr. Gouldy, the proprietor of the Collegeville meat store, is happy, and has sufficient reason to be. It's a girl.

The postponed entertainment of the B. of U., Schwenksville, will take place Saturday evening, April 25.

Isaiah Gottschalk, of Perkiomenville, began operating the creamery near Shannonsville Wednesday of last week.

Messrs. Bradford, Landis and Lachman are building H. M. Alderfer's barn.

Messrs. Culp and Conway, masons, began laying the cellar walls of H. H. Koons' house yesterday morning.

If you want your buggy or carriage repainted and varnished in good style, just call on W. D. Valentine at the Collegeville Carriage Works. See adver.

The concert by the Athletic Association in Ursinus College Chapel this (Thursday) evening, will be well worth the price of admission. Don't miss it.

W. H. Rosenberry, of Lansdale, will hold a mammoth carriage and harness sale at Hendricks' hotel, Schwenksville, next Saturday afternoon. See adver.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hendricks drove from the Quaker city Saturday and spent Sunday with relatives about town.

Rev. G. H. Fisher, pastor of the Reformed congregation at Swamp has tendered his resignation. He has accepted a call from Tiffin, Ohio.

We have received a copy of the *Moralist*, a new weekly publication edited by Ella E. Gibson, Barre, Mass. Its mission is to advocate the highest morality and right doing for the sake of right. Success to it.

Bessie Melucky, a young girl was hooked and fatally injured by a mad bull at Shamokin, Monday. The animal impaled the girl on its horns and dashed through the field.

Mrs. Irwin Reiner, of Pottstown, daughter of Mr. Isaac Messer, of Lower Providence, is lying critically ill with typhoid fever.

And the Delaware peach crop is to be a big one this year. The present fruit prospects seem to good in most sections.

The special features at the concert in the College Chapel, this (Thursday) evening, will be particularly interesting. Don't miss the concert.

The Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania will meet in Pottstown in May.

Rev. Mr. Dare, of the Lower Providence Baptist church, will resign that charge on the first of May, having accepted another call.

A suit to recover a dower has been instituted against a farm in Limerick township. The land is supposed to have depreciated in value so much that it requires a judicial sale to dispose of it.

Ira Conkling, of East Pikeland, aged 62, drove into Spring City Monday forenoon. While passing along Walnut street he fell out of the wagon into the street and died in a few minutes. Death was caused by heart disease.

A. J. Trucksess, of Providence Square, District Deputy Grand Master of the I. O. O. F., installed the officers of Manatway Lodge, Pottstown, Tuesday evening.

Religious.

Episcopal services at St. James' church, Evansburg, one mile from Collegeville, every Sunday at 10 1/2 a. m., 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

Preaching by the pastor at Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, at 10 a. m., next Sunday.

Preaching at St. Luke's, Sunday, both morning and evening, by the pastor, morning service commencing at 10 o'clock; subject: "Jericho, the Palm City," being the second subject in the course on Palestine. Evening service commencing at 7.30. Special topic to be announced at the morning service.

Correspondence.

M. E. Church, Evansburg.

The pastor, Mr. Flint, will preach a special sermon, Sabbath evening, subject: "The Duties of parents to their children." The following Sabbath evening he will deliver a sermon on the subject of Temperance. No doubt Mr. Flint will handle these subjects in his usual able manner.

The Sabbath School, Jos. G. Gotwals Superintendent, is in a prosperous condition. Seventy-five new volumes were recently added to the library. The school opens every Sabbath morning at half-past nine o'clock, and an earnest invitation is extended to all who are not identified with other schools to come and join the ranks.

Package Sociable.

The ladies of St. James' Guild propose to hold a package sociable in the school house, opposite the church, on Saturday evening, April 25, to which all are invited. Cake, ice cream, candy, &c., will be sold and packages with unknown contents. A good time may be expected. No charge for admission.

Creamery Figures.

Prices paid for milk received during March: Mingo, 3 1/2 cents per quart; Wagner's Spring Valley creamery, 3 1/2 cents; Perkiomen, 3 1/2; Schwenksville and Green Tree, 3 1/2; Limerick, 3 1/2; Neiffer's, 3 1/2; Sanatoga, 3 1/2.

A Very Unpleasant Duty.

A few days ago Sheriff Bean, of Doylestown, served a writ of execution on Samuel H. Harrison, a real estate agent at Humesville, Bucks county, seizing all his personal property. Mr. Harrison was on his deathbed when the Sheriff arrived on the premises. Before the officer left the sick man died.

Western Horses.

D. H. Casselberry will reach his stables, near this place, next Monday, with another car load of Western Horses. The lot includes fine workers and drivers and draught and general purpose horses. Be sure to inspect them.

Postmaster Heebner.

President Harrison has appointed David S. Heebner postmaster at Lansdale. The new postmaster is the father of ex-representative Wm. D. Heebner. He is about 75 years of age, though hale and active, and voted for the present President's grandfather, William Henry Harrison for President. Of course he voted for the grandson, also.

New Janitor.

Joseph Stone, with his family, removed from Phoenixville to the rooms of Masonic Hall, Trappe, last week. He has succeeded Mr. Slotter as janitor of the hall and will continue the business of carpet weaving at Gross' hotel, this place.

Changed Quarters.

W. J. Manger, the popular undertaker, has taken possession of his new quarters on the old Levensong premises in the upper part of Trappe, having leased the same of the present owner, Mr. Daniel Shuler. With a remodeled house and a new barn the wide-awake lessee feels well at home in his new quarters.

Base Ball.

The base ball season, '91, will be ushered in at this place next Saturday afternoon, when the Ursinus team will engage in a contest with the Y. M. C. A. club, of Philadelphia. The visitors, it is expected, will put the mettle of the Ursinus boys to a rigid test, and all who are interested in the national game will find entertainment on the college grounds Saturday afternoon. Admission, 15 cents.

Thrown From a Horse.

Monday afternoon Irwin, a 14-year-old son of Auctioneer John G. Fetterolf, this township, was thrown from a horse and sustained a fracture of the right arm, near the shoulder. Irwin was riding the animal by the side of another horse in charge of his older brother, the latter also having hold of a strap attached to the bridle of Irwin's steed. The horses began running, and the older brother lost his hold on the horse Irwin was riding, resulting in the accident as stated. Dr. E. A. Krusen, the family physician, reduced the fracture and Irwin is on a fair way to fully recover.

Death of Abraham Bechtel.

On Saturday, April 4, Abraham Bechtel, a life-long and highly esteemed citizen of this township, went to Norristown on business and to visit friends. While at the home of David Funk he was taken ill with pneumonia, which culminated in his death on Wednesday following. The remains were conveyed to his late residence near Black Rock, where the funeral was held Monday. Interment in Menonite cemetery, Yorkes. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, leaves two children, John I. Bechtel, who resides on the old homestead, Mrs. Abram Landes, of Yorkes, and two brothers, Philip Bechtel, of Trappe, and John Bechtel, of Royersford. Mr. Bechtel's wife died a year ago last December. In the death of Abraham Bechtel the surviving children lose a kind, indulgent father and the community an upright citizen.

The Montgomery Almshouse.

At the recent meeting of the Directors orders for the payment of bills aggregating \$5500 were passed. Produce of farm for the past month: 6922 quarts of milk, 314 pounds of butter, 160 dozen eggs. Number of inmates, 196. A resolution was passed that "all Grand Jurors be subject hereafter to the same charges as other visitors"—25 cents for dinner and fifteen cents per head for horse feed. That's right. The matter of outdoor relief was also discussed at the instigation of Director Supple, resulting in a decision to request storekeepers who provide sustenance to the poor on orders from the Directors, to co-operate with them in stopping off unworthy beneficiaries. Since the meeting Director Supple made the following statement to one of the reporters of the Norristown Herald: "It has been discovered, that the county has been largely imposed upon by persons unworthy of assistance. Under the rules, a blank form which was drawn a number of years ago, is issued by the board. It states certain requirements, one of which is that the beneficiary must have it signed by six citizens of his community certifying to his worthiness."

This done, the blank is taken to the director of the district, who is under obligations to endorse it, the requirements having been complied with. On this the store keeper issues provisions to the applicants. It has been ascertained that persons earning \$7 a week easily obtained the necessary signatures and become beneficiaries, although not entitled. An effort will be made to curtail this unjust drain on the county treasury, and if store keepers fail to exercise care, and citizens continue to sign the blanks for unworthy applicants, an investigation will be started which may result eventually in abolishing outdoor relief."

Bomberger Memorial Hall.

Next week will mark the beginning of the work of building the Bomberger Memorial Hall at Ursinus, and extensive preparations have been made to emphasize the initiatory proceedings. In connection with the breaking of ground a College and Educational Convention will be held Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The following program has been arranged:

TUESDAY, 7.30 P. M., in Trinity Reformed Church. Music; Orchestra; Prayer; Music; Glee Club; Address, "The Mission of Ursinus College," by President H. M. Super, D. D.; Address, "The Claims of the College Upon Its Constituency," by Rev. D. W. Ebert, Milton, Pa.; Music; Glee Club; Address, "Bomberger Memorial Hall," by Rev. D. W. Ebert, Milton, Pa.; Address, "The Response of the Church to the Call of Ursinus," by Rev. J. H. Sechler, Philadelphia; General Discussion; Music; Benediction.

WEDNESDAY, 9.30 a. m., Meeting in the interest of the \$10,000 Alumni Fund, in the old chapel; addresses by Rev. J. W. Menninger, C. B. Alsop, and others. 9.30 a. m., Business meeting of the Directors of the College, in the President's room. 11 a. m., General meeting in the chapel. Report on the financial status of the work.

2 P. M., in the chapel; Music, Orchestra; Prayer; Address, "The Advantages of the New Building," by Prof. George Stitz, Ph. D.; Music; Glee Club; Address, "The Significance of Today's Event," by Rev. D. E. Klopff, D. D., Lebanon, Pa.; Music. On the Campus: Music, Glee Club; The formal breaking of ground for Bomberger Memorial Hall, by Mr. Robert Patterson, Philadelphia; Music.

Two Deaths in One Family in a Day.

William H. Ortlip, a well-known sign painter of Norristown, lost by death Monday morning within seven hours his father and wife. Mrs. Ortlip, who was about to become a mother, had been complaining of neuralgia of the head for several days past, but was not thought seriously ill. Early Monday morning, however, the neuralgia reached her heart, and while her husband was stroking his wife's cheek she suddenly died. Shortly before her death Mr. Ortlip sent his father into town for a physician. Instead of answering the call in person the doctor sent medicine by Mr. Ortlip. Sr. With the medicine in his pocket Mr. Ortlip was found lying unconscious from a paralytic stroke under the horse he had been driving, and about six hours later he died. The funerals will take place to-day, from Mr. Ortlip's residence. Mrs. Ortlip was forty-two years of age, and her father-in-law sixty-six.

Ice Plant to be Enlarged.

The capacity of the plant of the Collegeville Ice Manufacturing Company will be increased from three to ten tons daily in the near future. A large majority of the stockholders having signified their approval of the plan involving the assessment of stock to secure the funds necessary to make the increase, the Directors recently contracted with Geo. F. Ott, of Philadelphia, to add another compressor, condenser coils and supply tankage room for about 250 cans of the size of the present ones, the work to be completed by the first of June. The Directors have also decided to put in use condensing and filtering pipes for the purpose of condensing from steam the water used in forming ice, thus ensuring perfect crystallization and a superior quality of ice. Arrangements have also been made to supply individual consumers residing in this section with any quantity of ice desired, daily.

First Graduates of Upper Providence.

Our Black Rock correspondent and another contributor have kindly supplied us with the following interesting information. Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7, County Superintendent R. F. Hoffecker conducted an examination at Mont Clare of the pupils of the schools of Upper Providence, who have completed the prescribed graded course of study. The class consisted of eleven, three of whom were rejected. Those who will receive diplomas are: Bertha Detwiler and Jacob Walker, of Green Tree school; Anna R. Anderson and Daniel Garber, of Garwood; Lillian Hallman, of Mont Clare; Hannah Griffin, of Quaker. The Superintendent seemed to be well pleased with the class. The teachers and directors, through the kindness of the patrons of the Mont Clare school, furnished dinner in the upper room on both days of the examination to all in attendance. The time and place for holding the Commencement exercises have not as yet been determined.

Judgments.

During the past year 1587 judgments were entered in the Prothonotary's office, and 933 satisfied. Many, although paid, are not satisfied of record by the parties, there being an impression that after five years they are worthless, when in fact they can be revived at any time.

We would call attention to the advertisement in this paper of W. & T. Smith, proprietors of the well and favorably known Geneva nursery. This celebrated nursery has been established 50 years, and produces the finest trees and plants. The firm are reliable in every sense of the word, and being desirous of establishing agencies, in this and adjoining sections, those desirous of obtaining a good permanent position, would do well to write to W. & T. Smith, Geneva, N. Y.

Angry Swine.

Wednesday, of last week, John Robison, manager of J. P. Robison's farm, near this place, had his left arm severely bitten by a hog, while in the act of changing the quarters of the porcine quadruped. The wound, though not necessarily dangerous, causes Mr. Robison considerable pain and annoyance.

The other day Supervisor E. M. Cleaver, of Lower Providence, served as butcher-in-chief at M. C. Rambo's place, that township. Seven porkers were slaughtered. While the work was in progress the Supervisor encountered some difficulty in maintaining his stand as master of the situation. Some of the porkers became aggravated and showed fight, one of them going so far as to divest Ed. of a considerable portion of his pantaloons, but the doughty Supervisor scaled the pedestal of victory, nevertheless.

Purchased Another Farm.

John F. Betz, the Philadelphia brewer, has purchased another farm in Lower Providence, and now owns about 522 acres in that vicinity. His last acquisition, 71 acres, was secured from Deborah Higley, for \$10,335. It is near the other farms, but does not adjoin them.

From Limerick.

Laura B. Johnson spent Sunday at Pottstown, the guest of Miss Nora Keims.

Mrs. Myra Daub is suffering with an attack of "la grippe."

Rev. A. B. Shenkle, of Millersville, preached in the Spring City Reformed church Sunday morning and evening.

The celebrated Noss family drew a packed house in Latschaw's hall, Royersford, last Friday evening. The audience showed their appreciation of the performance by frequent applause.

David Frain, of Limerick Square, moved to Chester county on Wednesday, where he will occupy the property belonging to Zion's Lutheran church and will act as sexton.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. W. Super, D. D., occupied the pulpit of St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe, last Sunday morning. His text is found in Ephesians 6-10. That the Dr. handles a theme with signal ability must be apparent to every observant mind.

A glance at the liberal supply of raw fertilizer on the grounds belonging to the Reformed parsonage, Trappe, convinced us that the parson had found out the secret of successful gardening. "Oh, what will the harvest be?"

The literary society will render an interesting program on Friday evening of this week: Readings, declamations, essay, referred questions, dialogue, reading of the Item, and the debate—Resolved, That facts contribute more to mental enjoyment than fiction. All are cordially invited.

Ursinus College Notes.

Mr. Gilbert Beaver, Assistant State Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, visited the college in the interest of the work. He addressed the Association on College Work in the Y. M. C. A.

On Saturday evening the Y. M. C. A., reception to new students will be held. The following program will be rendered:

Address of Welcome, Rev. Dr. G. W. Willard; Piano Solo, Miss Ida Robinson; Recitation, Miss Jessie Royer; Selection, Glee Club; Intermission; Address, Mr. E. Middleton; Duett, Miss Lillie Preston, Miss Hallie Vandervelde; Recitation, Mr. Walter Longacre; Selection, Glee Club; Refreshments by the Committee and members of the Olivian Literary Society.

On Saturday the College base ball team will play the Philadelphia Y. M. C. A. on the Collegeville grounds. All interested in base ball are invited to come out and see the game, which promises to be an interesting one.

The Glee Club gave successful concerts at Crooked Hill, East Greenville and Slatington. They have been engaged to give a concert at Kutztown on May 1st.

Last Sunday Dr. Willard administered Communion to the members of East Vincent and Pikeland Reformed churches; Dr. G. Stitz at the St. Mathew and St. Paul churches, Wm. H. Stubblebine preached at Shenkel's church and Birdsboro.

The Perkiomen Boarding Club now numbers ten members. The enterprise has thus far been very successful. Besides having things according to their desires and tastes, it will enable them to greatly curtail expenses.

Owing to the gradual increase of students the number of students who have sought board and rooms elsewhere has greatly increased.

A number of changes have taken place this spring, and now J. Walters and J. Berger can be found at Mr. Markley's; W. H. Wotring, Wm. S. Kern and I. Bowman, at Rev. Spangler's; W. Stubblebine and H. T. Tesnon, at Mrs. Broening's; H. T. Wagner, Frank Bleiler, H. E. Jones, J. M. Isenberg and W. Watts, at Perkiomen Cottage; and J. Lewis Fluck, H. E. Kilmer, C. D. Yost and I. F. Wagner, have again made Glenwood their home.

Deafness Can't be Cured

by local application, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that we cannot cure by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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It is only when a man has gone through the turmoil of negotiating a \$2 loan on his winter's ulster that he begins to appreciate the immensity of nerve shown by the Russian Government in getting \$90,000,000 out of the Rothschilds.

For Musical People.

The Song Friend for April contains a biographical sketch, with portrait, of the German Pianist, Franz Rummel. "The Mind in Keeping Time," by E. W. Good; "At the Beginning," by E. L. Stevenson; and many other articles of great practical value to singers, players and teachers. It also contains choice music. The Song Friend is a 32-page journal of rare excellence. The subscription price is only \$1.00 a year, with a premium of three select pieces of music. The publishers, S. W. Straub & Co., 243 State Street, Chicago, offer to send one sample copy for 10 cents and make liberal inducements to canvassers.

Resolutions of Condolence.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father, in His love and wisdom, has seen proper to take from us our dear sister and co-laborer, Mrs. Valentine; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere grief at the loss of so true a friend, and so self-sacrificing and active a worker in the cause of our Lord and Saviour.

Resolved, That we herewith extend to the bereaved husband and parents our heartfelt sympathy with them in their great loss, and that with them we rest assured that she is now relieved from sufferings and reaping the blessed rewards of her faithful service here on earth.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved, and published in the PROVIDENCE INDEPENDENT.

Geo. STITZ, Mrs. E. A. KRUSEN, Mrs. Geo. STITZ.

NOTICE! The Annual Meeting of the members of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Company of Montgomery County will be held at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, Collegeville, in said county, on MONDAY, MAY 4, 1891, between 1 and 3 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing thirteen managers to serve for the ensuing year. The Board of Managers will meet at 10 o'clock, a. m., at same place.

A. D. FETTEROLF, Secretary.

Collegeville, April 8, 1891.

ESTATE NOTICE!

Estate of Sarah Wanner, late of Shipkapp township, deceased. Letters of administration upon said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the same are requested to make immediate settlement, and those having claims will present them, duly authenticated for settlement, without delay, to ANDREW J. WANNER, Administrator. Lower Providence P. O.

ROSENBERY'S BIG SALE OF

50 Fine Wagons OF ALL KINDS; 50 SETS OF HARNESS, AND 250 WHIPS, WILL TAKE PLACE AT

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Consisting of 20 Falling-top, 7 styles of springs; 3 Spindle Wagons, 3 Jump-seat Carriages, 4 Two-seated Sures, 4 Top Creamery and Store Wagons, 3 No top Milk Buggies, 5 Road Carts, 250 Whips, 50 sets of fine Single and Double Harness.

Watch this sale for bargains! Every wagon, every whip and every set of harness will positively be sold to the highest bidder. No postponement. They are brought to be sold for what you bid. My display of fine wagons is greater, better, neater and finer than ever. Come for bargains. The buyer and seller meet on equal grounds. I sell for what you think they are worth. I fear no competition, as my prices must be as low as any other dealer can sell them. Our work will surprise you in style and finish. Old wagons taken in exchange. Sale at 1.30, p. m., sharp.

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Rag Carpet woven to order in any style desired. Satisfaction guaranteed. Good Rag Carpet for sale at reasonable prices. 16ap.

PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, APRIL 16, at Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, 20 head of fresh cows and springers direct from Western Penna., where I have selected them myself for this market. This is an excellent stock, selected with care. Sale to commence at 2 o'clock, p. m. Conditions by JOHN SPITLER.

W. M. Pearson, auct.

PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS.

Will be sold at public sale, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1891, at Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, one car load of fresh cows and springers direct from Western Penna., where I have selected them myself for this market. This will be an extra lot of fine cows, and it will be to the interest of purchasers to attend this sale. Sale at 2 o'clock, p. m. Conditions by J. S. FREDERICK, Agent.

J. G. Fetterolf, auct. J. M. Zimmerman, clerk.

PRIVATE SALE OF

HORSES!

The undersigned arrived MONDAY, APRIL 13, at his stables near Limerick Square, with a lot of fine WESTERN HORSES, the kind to suit farmers and business men, and all who like good style and action. Come and inspect them. Fat horses taken in exchange. I. T. MILLER.

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